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Appellants "Request to Reinstate Appeal" filed on December 01, 2005 is defective.

According to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1204.01 (Rev. 3, Aug. 2005); "If an appellant wishes to reinstate an appeal after prosecution is reopened, appellant must file a new notice of appeal in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 and a complete new appeal brief in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37".

Appellants' reinstatement of appeal did not follow this MPEP guideline and therefore is defective. Because the Notice of Appeal was not filed prior to the Request to Reinstate Appeal, the Appeal Brief is untimely. Appellants can cure this defect by filing a new notice of appeal in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 and a complete new appeal brief in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37.

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